during preceding 2 years to be considered being brought out regularly. The applicant newspaper/journal should also furnish a copy of the certificate of the registration issued by the RNI. A newspaper / journal once declared unestablished by RNI, after due enquiry, will be considered established only from the date of issue of RNI certificate to this effect and not from any year/date in the past. However, a newspaper / journal declared unestablished due to non filing of returns or some similar technical grounds can be declared established by RNI from the date of unestablishment, on the discretion of RNI.

Print Area:—

A newspaper / journal should have the following minimum print area:

Periodicity	Print area not less than
Dailies	1520 Std. Col. Cms
Weeklies, Fortnightlies	700 Std. Col. Cms.
Monthlies and other Periodicals	960 Std. Col. Cms.

Irregularities in the telecasting of Programmes on DD

†3570. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale irregularities are committed in the programmes to be telecast on the Doordarshan right from their approval to telecasting them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CAG in its report has pointed out the reasons for this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The C&AG in its Report No. 2 of 2001 has pointed out certain irregularities in Doordarshan. A list of paras of the Report of C&AG is given in the Statement (*See* below).

The details of these C&AG paragraphs are available in the C&AG Report No. 2 of 2001 which has already been laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of Paras figuring in C&AG Report No. 2 of 2001 relating to telecast of programmes by Doordarshan

S.No.	Para No.	Description
1.	2.2	Working of Doordarshan Sports Consortium.
2.	2.3	Loss of Rs. 25.44 crore due to undue benefit to sponsors.
3.	2.4	Loss of Rs. 9.44 crore due to late booking of satellite.
4.	2.5	Loss due to short accounting of commercial time.
5.	2.6	Loss due to faulty decision
6.	2.7	Loss of revenue in telecasting a commissioned programme on sponsorship.
7.	2.8	Non-recovery of dues from advertising agencies.

Closure of DD News Channel

3571. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has decided to discontinue DD News Channel;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) the amount of loss incurred, so far, since its commencement;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have identified officers who are responsible for the huge losses and defaming Doordarshan; and

(e) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati has informed that as a part of its restructuring exercise, Prasar Bharati closed down DD News and Current Affairs Channel with effect from 26.1.2002 due to its high cost and low visibility. DD-National Channel, which has an extensive reach, now carries more programmes on news and current affairs, to fulfil the mandate of public service broadcasting more effectively.